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Examiner: To Be Assigned

Attorney Docket No. 25791.78

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

For: A METHOD OF APPLYING
AN AXIAL FORCE TO
AN EXPANSION CONE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above entitled patent application as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-8 and 10-16.

Remarks

Claims 1-35 were pending.

Claims 1-8 and 10-16 have been canceled.

The Restriction Requirement In The Parent Application S/N 09/512,895:

The examiner required restriction in the parent application, S/N 09/512,895, to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claim 1.
- II. Claims 3 and 16.
- III. Claim 4.
- IV. Claims 2, 5, and 15.
- V. Claims 6, 13, and 14.
- VI. Claim 8.
- VII. Claim 10.
- VIII. Claim 9.
- IX. Claim 11.
- X. Claim 7.
- XI. Claim 12.

In response to the restriction requirement, in the parent application, S/N 09/512,895, the Applicant elected the invention of Group I - claim 1.

As a result, the non-elected inventions of group II - claims 3 and 16; group III - claim 4; group IV - claims 2, 5, and 15; group V - claims 6, 13, and 14; group VI - claim 8; group VII - claim 10; group VIII - claim 9; group IX - claim 11; group X - claim 7; and group XI - claim 12 were canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, to be pursued in corresponding divisional applications.

Claims 9 and 17-35 of The Present Application:

The present application is a division of the parent application, serial number 09/512,895. Claims 9 and 17-35 of the present application are generally directed to the invention of Group VIII.

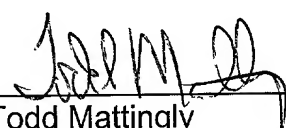
Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No.08-1394 of Haynes and Boone, L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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